



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
PROGRAM SUPPORT BUREAU



MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT
WORKFORCE EDUCATION AND TRAINING PLAN

Underserved Cultural Communities (UsCC) Graduate Recruitment Program

The UsCC Graduate Recruitment Program provides financial assistance to individuals with little to no social service experience but who have interest in pursuing their graduate degree in MSW, MFT, or LPCC and working in the mental health field.

It targets individuals from unserved/underserved communities including African/African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander, Eastern European/Middle Eastern, Latino, LGBTQI2-S, and Deaf or Hard of Hearing Communities to provide culturally and linguistically competent mental health services to their communities.

Eligibility Criteria

- Bachelor's degree in any field
- Bilingual capability in one of the underserved languages and/or represent an unserved/underserved community as identified by DMH, respectively.
- Commitment to pursue graduate degree in social work with clinical concentration, marriage and family therapy, or licensed professional clinical counseling.

Option 1: 3 Year Program

Program Components:

Year 1: Paid Internship

Year 2 & 3: Graduate School

Award:

Internship: 1 year providing direct services to unserved/underserved communities at least 24 hours per week at DMH contract agency (total award \$20,000)

Master's program: 2 years full-time master's program (total award \$37,000)

Service Obligation:

Within 3 months post-graduation from master's program, participants must find employment in the public mental health system and agree to a 3 year full-time work commitment providing direct clinical services to unserved/underserved communities

Option 2: 2 Year Program

Program Components:

Year 1 & 2: Graduate School

Award:

Master's program: 2 years full-time master's program (total award \$37,000)

Service Obligation:

Within 3 months post-graduation from master's program, participants must find employment in the public mental health system and agree to a 2 year full-time work commitment providing direct clinical services to unserved/underserved communities

Online Application <http://egis3.lacounty.gov/dmh/fip/>

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